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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re:

MESA AIR GROUP, INC., et al.,

Debtors.1

Chapter 11

Case No. 10-10018 (MG)

(Jointly Administered)

DEBTORS' MOTION TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR INTERIM COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES OF PROFESSIONALS

TO THE HONORABLE MARTIN GLENN:

Mesa Air Group, Inc. ("Mesa") and certain of its direct and indirect subsidiaries in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases, as debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors"), hereby file this motion (the "Motion") and respectively represent as follows:

Background

1. On the (the "<u>Petition Date</u>"), the Debtors each commenced with this Court a voluntary case under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "<u>Bankruptcy Code</u>").

¹ The Debtors are: Mesa Air Group, Inc. (2351); Mesa Air New York, Inc. (3457); Mesa In-Flight, Inc. (9110); Freedom Airlines, Inc. (9364); Mesa Airlines, Inc. (4800); MPD, Inc. (7849); Ritz Hotel Management Corp. (7688); Regional Aircraft Services, Inc. (1911); Air Midwest, Inc. (6610); Mesa Air Group Airline Inventory Management, LLC (2015); Nilchi, Inc. (5531); and Patar, Inc. (1653).

The Debtors are authorized to continue to operate their businesses and manage their properties as debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code.

2. The Debtors' chapter 11 cases have been consolidated for procedural purposes only and are being jointly administered pursuant to Rule 1015(b) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules") under the captioned case number.

Mesa's Business

- 3. Mesa is a holding company whose principal direct and indirect subsidiaries operate as regional air carriers providing scheduled passenger and airfreight service. As of the Petition Date, the Debtors' airline operations serve approximately 127 cities in 41 states, the District of Columbia, Canada, and Mexico. The Debtors operate a fleet of approximately 130 aircraft with approximately 700 daily system departures. The Debtors employ approximately 3,400 full and part-time employees.
- 4. Mesa Airlines, Inc. ("Mesa Airlines") operates regional jet and turboprop aircraft under the names of regional carriers of certain major airlines pursuant to code-share agreements. Specifically, Mesa Airlines operates as (i) US Airways Express under code-share agreements with US Airways, Inc., (ii) as United Express under a code-share agreement with United Airlines, Inc., and (iii) independently in Hawaii as *go!* Mokulele ("*go!*"). Freedom Airlines, Inc. operates regional jet aircraft as Delta Connection under code-share agreements with Delta Air Lines, Inc. The remaining Debtors operate businesses, or own interests in businesses, that facilitate or enhance the Debtors' regional or independent air carrier services. Nilchi, Inc. and Patar, Inc. hold investments.

- 5. As of September 30, 2009, the Debtors had consolidated assets² of approximately \$975 million, and consolidated liabilities of approximately \$869 million. The Debtors' consolidated 2009 revenues were approximately \$968 million. Approximately 96% of the Debtors' consolidated passenger revenues for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009 were derived from operations associated with code-share agreements. The Debtors' remaining passenger revenues are generated from their independent *go!* operations in Hawaii.
- 6. A detailed description of the Debtors' businesses, capital structure, and the circumstances that precipitated the commencement of these chapter 11 cases is set forth in the *Declaration of Michael J. Lotz in Support of First Day Motions Pursuant to Local Bankruptcy*Rule 1007-2 (the "Lotz Declaration"), filed on the Petition Date.

Jurisdiction

7. This Court has jurisdiction to consider this motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. This is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b). Venue is proper before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

Relief Requested

8. By this Motion, the Debtors request, pursuant to sections 105(a) and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 2016(a), that the Court establish an orderly, regular process for allowance and payment of compensation and reimbursement for attorneys and other professionals whose services are authorized by this Court pursuant to sections 327 or 1103 of the Bankruptcy Code and who will be required to file applications for allowance of compensation and reimbursement of expenses pursuant to sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 2016(a) (each, a "Retained Professional"). In addition,

² At book value.

the Debtors seek entry of an order establishing a procedure for reimbursement of reasonable outof-pocket expenses incurred by members of any statutory committees appointed in these cases.

Retention of Professionals

9. The Debtors have filed or will soon file motions seeking approval to employ, as Retained Professionals, (a) Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP, as bankruptcy counsel to represent them in these chapter 11 cases, (b) Imperial Capital LLC, as the Debtors' financial advisor and investment banker, and (c) Jones Day LLP, as special counsel for the Debtors with respect to designated matters. The Debtors may need to retain additional Retained Professionals in connection with the continued prosecution of the chapter 11 cases.³ In addition, a statutory committee of unsecured creditors (the "Creditors Committee") may be appointed in these cases, and will likely retain counsel and other professionals to represent it.

Proposed Compensation & Reimbursement Procedures

10. Pursuant to section 331 of the Bankruptcy Code, all retained professionals are entitled to submit applications for interim compensation and reimbursement of expenses every 120 days, or more often if the court permits. Section 331 of the Bankruptcy Code provides, in part, as follows:

A trustee, an examiner, a debtor's attorney, or any professional person employed under section 327 or 1103 of this title may apply to the court not more than once every 120 days after an order for relief in a case under this title, or more often if the court permits, for such compensation for services rendered before the date of such an application or reimbursement for expenses incurred before such date as is provided under section 330 of this title.

³ Other legal professionals may be retained in accordance with the Debtors' Motion Authorizing the Debtors to Employ Ordinary Course Professionals (the "Ordinary Course Professionals Motion"). If the Ordinary Course Professionals Motion is granted, such professionals will not need to file individual retention applications and will, subject to monthly and aggregate caps, be paid in full each month without interim or final fee applications. As set forth in the Ordinary Course Professionals Motion, any ordinary course professional seeking payment of fees and disbursements exceeding the monthly or aggregate cap will be obligated to file a monthly statement with respect to such excess amount.

- 11 U.S.C. § 331. Section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code authorizes the court to issue any order that is necessary or appropriate to carry out the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code. Thus, the bankruptcy court has ample authority to enter an order authorizing the interim monthly compensation and reimbursement of expenses procedures requested herein.
- 11. The Debtors seek approval of procedures establishing monthly compensation and reimbursement of expenses of professionals pursuant to and in accordance with sections 105(a), 330, and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 2016(a) and the United States Trustee Fee Guidelines, the standing General Order of the Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, dated January 24, 2000 (C.J. Brozman), the Amended Order Establishing Procedures for Monthly Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals, dated November 25, 2009, and the Amended Guidelines for Fees and Disbursements for Professionals in the Southern District of New York, dated November 25, 2009 (collectively, the "Fee Guidelines").
- 12. The Debtors propose that the payment of compensation and reimbursement of expenses of Retained Professionals be structured as follows:
 - a. On or before the 20th day of each month following the month for which compensation is sought, each Retained Professional seeking compensation under an order approving this Motion will serve a monthly statement (the "Monthly Statement"), by hand or overnight delivery, on (i) Mesa Air Group, Inc., 410 North 44th Street, Suite 700, Phoenix, Arizona 85008, Attn: Brian Gillman; (ii) attorneys for the Debtors, Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP, 150 California Street, 15th Floor, San Francisco, California 94111, Attn: Debra Grassgreen and Joshua M. Fried and Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP, 780 Third Avenue, 36th Floor, New York, New York 10017, Attn: Maria A. Bove; (iii) attorneys for any statutory committees of unsecured creditors appointed in these cases; and (iv) the Office of the United States Trustee for the Southern District of New York (the "U.S. Trustee"), 33 Whitehall Street, 21st Floor, New York, New York 10004, Attn: Andrea Schwartz.
 - b. Because (i) this Motion is not intended to alter the fee application requirements outlined in sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code and

- (ii) professionals are still required to serve and file interim and final applications for approval of fees and expenses in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules and the Local Rules of the Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, the Monthly Statement will not be filed with the Court and a courtesy copy need not be delivered to Chambers.
- c. Each Monthly Statement shall contain a list of the individuals and their respective titles (e.g., attorney, accountant or paralegal) who provided services during the statement period, their respective billing rates, the aggregate hours spent by each individual and a reasonably detailed breakdown of the disbursements incurred. No Retained Professional should seek reimbursement of an expense that would not be allowed pursuant to the Fee Guidelines. Moreover, each Monthly Statement should contain contemporaneously maintained time entries for each individual in increments of tenths of an hour, except where otherwise ordered by the Court.
- d. Each person receiving a Monthly Statement shall have at least 15 days after its receipt to review it. If he or she has an objection to the compensation or reimbursement sought in a particular Monthly Statement, he or she shall, by no later than the 35th day following the month for which compensation is sought, serve upon the Retained Professional whose Monthly Statement is objected to, and upon the other persons designated in paragraph (a) above to receive Monthly Statements, a written Notice of Objection to Fee Statement (hereinafter referred to as an "Objection") setting forth the nature of the objection and the amount of fees or expenses at issue.
- e. After the 35th day following the month for which compensation is sought, the Debtors shall promptly pay 80% of the fees and 100% of the expenses identified in each Monthly Statement to which no Objection has timely been served in accordance with paragraph (d) above.
- f. If the Debtors receive an Objection from one or more of the parties listed herein to a particular Monthly Statement, they shall withhold payment of that portion of the Monthly Statement to which the Objection is directed and promptly pay the remainder of the fees and disbursements in the percentages set forth in paragraph (e) above.
- g. If the parties to an Objection are able to resolve their dispute following the timely service of an Objection and if the party whose Monthly Statement was objected to serves on all of the parties listed in paragraph (a) a statement indicating that the Objection is withdrawn and describing in detail the terms of the resolution, then the Debtors shall promptly pay, in accordance with paragraph (e), that portion of the Monthly Statement no longer subject to an Objection.

- h. All Objections not resolved by the parties shall be preserved and presented to the Court at the next interim or final fee application hearing to be heard by the Court in accordance with paragraphs (j) and (k) below.
- i. The service of an Objection in accordance with paragraph (d) above shall not prejudice the objecting party's right to object to any fee application made to the Court in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code on any basis, whether or not raised in the Objection. Furthermore, the decision by any party not to object to a Monthly Statement shall not constitute a waiver of any kind nor prejudice that party's right to object to any fee application subsequently made by any party to the Court in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code.
- j. Approximately every 120 days (but not less frequently than every 150 days), each Retained Professional shall serve and file with the Court, in accordance with the Fee Guidelines (which can be found at www.nysb.uscourts.gov), an application for interim or final (as the case may be) for Court approval and allowance, pursuant to sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code, of the compensation and reimbursement of expenses requested.
- k. The Debtors' attorneys shall obtain dates from the Court for the hearing of fee applications for all Retained Professionals. Approximately one month before the hearing, the Debtors' attorneys shall file a notice with the Court, served upon the U.S. Trustee and all Retained Professionals, that sets forth the time, date and location of the fee hearing, the date by which the fee applications must be filed, the period covered by such application and the objection deadline. Any Retained Professional unable to file its own fee application with the Court shall deliver to the Debtors' attorneys a fully executed copy with original signatures, along with service copies, three days before the filing deadline. The Debtors' attorneys shall file and serve such application.
- 1. Any Retained Professional that fails timely to file an application seeking approval of compensation and expenses previously paid under an order approving this Motion shall (i) be ineligible to receive further monthly payments of fees or reimbursement of expenses as provided herein until the filing of an application or further order of the Court and (ii) may be required to disgorge any fees paid since the later of such Retained Professional's retention or last fee application.
- m. The pendency of an application or the entry of a Court order that the prior payment of compensation or the reimbursement of expenses was improper as to a particular Monthly Statement shall not disqualify a Retained Professional from the future payment of compensation or reimbursement of expenses as set forth above, unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

- n. Neither the payment of, nor the failure to pay, in whole or in part, monthly compensation and reimbursement as provided herein shall have any effect on this Court's interim or final allowance of compensation and reimbursement of expenses of any Retained Professional.
- o. The attorney for any official committee of unsecured creditors may, in accordance with the foregoing procedure for monthly compensation and reimbursement of Retained Professionals, collect and submit for payment statements of expenses, with supporting vouchers, from members of the committee he or she represents; provided, however, that these reimbursement requests must comply with the Fee Guidelines.
- 13. The Debtors propose that each Retained Professional whose retention has been approved by the Court as of the Petition Date may seek, in its first Monthly Statement, compensation for work performed and reimbursement for expenses incurred during the period beginning on the Petition Date and ending on January 31, 2010. The first interim fee application for such Retained Professionals shall seek compensation and reimbursement of expenses for the period from the Petition Date through April 30, 2010, and shall be filed on of before June 30, 2010.
- 14. All Retained Professionals not retained as of the Petition Date shall file their first Monthly Statement for the period from the effective date of their retention through the end of the first full month following the effective date of their retention, and otherwise in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Motion. The Debtors propose to include all payments to Retained Professionals on their monthly operating reports, detailed so as to state the amount paid to each Retained Professional. Any party may object to requests for payment made pursuant to an order approving this Motion on the grounds that the Debtors have not timely filed monthly operating reports, have not remained current with their administrative expenses and 28 U.S.C. § 1930 fees, or there exists a manifest exigency.

- 15. No professional may file a Monthly Statement until the Court enters an order approving the retention of such professional pursuant to sections 327 or 1103 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 16. The proposed procedures will enable the Debtors to closely monitor the costs of administration, forecast level cash flows and implement efficient cash management procedures. Moreover, these procedures will also allow the Court and the key parties in interest, including the U.S. Trustee, to insure the reasonableness and necessity of the compensation and reimbursement sought pursuant to such procedures. Therefore, the Debtors request that the Court approve the relief requested herein.
- 17. Based on the foregoing, the Debtors submit that the relief requested is necessary and appropriate, is in the best interests of their estates and creditors, and should be granted in all respects.

Basis for Relief

- 18. Pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 331, all professionals are entitled to submit applications for interim compensation and reimbursement of expenses every 120 days, or more often, if the Court permits.
- 19. Specifically, section 331 of the Bankruptcy Code provides, in relevant part, as follows:

A trustee, an examiner, a debtor's attorney, or any professional person employed under section 327 or 1103 of this title may apply to the Court not more than once every 120 days after an order for relief in a case under this title, or more often if the court permits, for such compensation for services rendered before the date of such an application or reimbursement for expenses incurred before such date as is provided under section 330 of this title....

11 U.S.C. § 331.

20. Section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code provides, in relevant part, as follows:

The court may issue any order, process, or judgment that is necessary or appropriate to carry out the provisions of this title. No provision of this title . . . shall be construed to preclude the court from, sua sponte, taking any action or making any determination necessary or appropriate to enforce or implement court orders or rules...

11 U.S.C. § 105(a).

- 21. The proposed procedures are similar to the procedures established in many other complex cases in this district. See, e.g., In re Frontier Airlines Holdings, Inc., Case No. 08-11298 (RDD) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. May 2, 2008) [Docket No. 195]; In re PLVTZ, Inc., Case No. 07-13532 (REG) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Jan. 10, 2008) [Docket No. 453]; In re Dana Corp., Case No. 06-10354 (BRL) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Mar. 29, 2006) [Docket No. 732]; In re Northwest Airlines Corp., Case No. 05-17930 (ALG) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Oct. 20, 2005) [Docket No. 742]; In re Refco Inc., Case No. 05-60006 (RDD) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Nov. 21, 2005) [Docket No. 558]; In re Calpine Corp., Case No. 05-60200 (BRL) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Jan. 25, 2006) [Docket No. 617]; In re Delphi Corporation, Case No. 05-44481 (RDD) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Nov. 4, 2005) [Docket No. 869]; In re Delta Air Lines, Inc., No. 05-17923 (PCB) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Oct. 7, 2005) [Docket No. 665].
- 22. The Compensation Procedures requested in this Motion will reduce the burden imposed on the Court, enable parties in interest to monitor more closely professional fee costs in this case, and diminish undue financial burdens on the Professionals. Accordingly, the Debtors submit that approving the Compensation Procedures is in the best interests of their estates, creditors, and other parties-in-interest.

Notice

No trustee or examiner has been appointed in these chapter 11 cases. The

Debtors have served notice of this motion on (i) the Office of the United States Trustee for the Southern District of New York, (ii) those creditors holding the largest thirty (30) unsecured

claims against the Debtors' estates (on a consolidated basis), (iii) those creditors or their agents

holding the five (5) largest secured claims against the Debtors' estates, (iv) the Internal Revenue

Service, (v) the Securities and Exchange Commission; and (vi) parties that have requested notice

in these chapter 11 cases.

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24. No previous request for the relief sought herein has been made to this or

any other Court.

WHEREFORE, the Debtors requests entry of the order attached hereto as Exhibit

A granting the relief requested herein and such other and further relief as is just.

Dated: January 8, 2010 New York, New York

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EXHIBIT A

(Proposed Order)

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In re:

MESA AIR GROUP, INC., et al.,

Debtors.1

Chapter 11

Case No. 10-10018 (MG)

(Jointly Administered)

ORDER TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR INTERIM COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES OF PROFESSIONALS

Upon the motion (the "Motion") of Mesa Air Group, Inc. and those of its subsidiaries that are debtors and debtors in possession in the above-captioned cases (collectively, the "Debtors"),² pursuant to sections 105(a) and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 2016(a), for authority to establish procedures for monthly compensation and reimbursement of expenses of professionals retained by order of this Court, as more fully described in the Motion, and upon consideration of the Declaration of Michael J. Lotz in Support of First Day Motions Pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 1007-2, filed on the Petition Date, and the Declaration of Michael J. Lotz in Support of Motions Scheduled for Hearing on January 26, 2010, filed contemporaneously herewith; and the Court having jurisdiction to consider the Motion and the relief requested therein pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334; and consideration of the Motion and the requested relief being a core proceeding the Court can determine pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b); and venue being proper before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and it appearing that no other or further notice need be provided; and the relief requested in the Motion being in the best interests of the Debtors and their estates and creditors; and the

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² Unless otherwise defined herein, all capitalized terms shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Motion.

Court having reviewed the Motion and having held a hearing with appearances of parties in interest noted in the transcript hereof (the "Hearing"); and the Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion and at the Hearing establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and upon all of the proceedings had before the Court and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is

ORDERED that the relief requested in the Motion is hereby granted to the extent provided herein; and it is further

ORDERED that except as may otherwise be provided in orders of the Court authorizing the retention of specific professionals, all Retained Professionals in these cases may seek monthly compensation in accordance with the following procedures:

- a. On or before the 20th day of each month following the month for which compensation is sought, each Retained Professional seeking compensation under an order approving this Motion will serve a monthly statement (the "Monthly Statement"), by hand or overnight delivery, on (i) Mesa Air Group, Inc., 410 North 44th Street, Suite 700, Phoenix, Arizona 85008, Attn: Brian Gillman; (ii) attorneys for the Debtors, Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP, 150 California Street, 15th Floor, San Francisco, California 94111, Attn: Debra Grassgreen and Joshua M. Fried and Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP, 780 Third Avenue, 36th Floor, New York, New York 10017, Attn: Maria A. Bove; (iii) attorneys for any statutory committees of unsecured creditors appointed in these cases; and (iv) the Office of the United States Trustee for the Southern District of New York (the "U.S. Trustee"), 33 Whitehall Street, 21st Floor, New York, New York 10004, Attn: Andrea Schwartz.
- b. Because (i) this Motion is not intended to alter the fee application requirements outlined in sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code and (ii) professionals are still required to serve and file interim and final applications for approval of fees and expenses in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules and the Local Rules of the Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, the Monthly Statement will not be filed with the Court and a courtesy copy need not be delivered to chambers.
- c. Each Monthly Statement shall contain a list of the individuals and their respective titles (e.g., attorney, accountant or paralegal) who provided services during the statement period, their respective billing rates, the

aggregate hours spent by each individual and a reasonably detailed breakdown of the disbursements incurred. No Retained Professional should seek reimbursement of an expense that would not be allowed pursuant to the Fee Guidelines. Moreover, each Monthly Statement should contain contemporaneously maintained time entries for each individual in increments of tenths of an hour, except where otherwise ordered by the Court.

- d. Each person receiving a Monthly Statement shall have at least 15 days after its receipt to review it. If he or she has an objection to the compensation or reimbursement sought in a particular Monthly Statement, he or she shall, by no later than the 35th day following the month for which compensation is sought, serve upon the Retained Professional whose Monthly Statement is objected to, and upon the other persons designated in paragraph (a) above to receive Monthly Statements, a written Notice of Objection to Fee Statement (hereinafter referred to as an "Objection") setting forth the nature of the objection and the amount of fees or expenses at issue.
- e. After the 35th day following the month for which compensation is sought, the Debtors shall promptly pay 80% of the fees and 100% of the expenses identified in each Monthly Statement to which no Objection has timely been served in accordance with paragraph (d) above.
- f. If the Debtors receive an Objection from one or more of the parties listed herein to a particular Monthly Statement, they shall withhold payment of that portion of the Monthly Statement to which the Objection is directed and promptly pay the remainder of the fees and disbursements in the percentages set forth in paragraph (e) above.
- g. If the parties to an Objection are able to resolve their dispute following the timely service of an Objection and if the party whose Monthly Statement was objected to serves on all of the parties listed in paragraph (a) a statement indicating that the Objection is withdrawn and describing in detail the terms of the resolution, then the Debtors shall promptly pay, in accordance with paragraph (e), that portion of the Monthly Statement no longer subject to an Objection.
- h. All Objections not resolved by the parties shall be preserved and presented to the Court at the next interim or final fee application hearing to be heard by the Court in accordance with paragraphs (j) and (k) below.
- i. The service of an Objection in accordance with paragraph (d) above shall not prejudice the objecting party's right to object to any fee application made to the Court in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code on any basis, whether or not raised in the Objection. Furthermore, the decision by any party not to object to a Monthly Statement shall not constitute a waiver of

- any kind nor prejudice that party's right to object to any fee application subsequently made by any party to the Court in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code.
- j. Approximately every 120 days (but not less frequently than every 150 days), each Retained Professional shall serve and file with the Court, in accordance with the Fee Guidelines (which can be found at www.nysb.uscourts.gov), an application for interim or final (as the case may be) Court approval and allowance, pursuant to sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code, of the compensation and reimbursement of expenses requested.
- k. The Debtors' attorneys shall obtain dates from the Court for the hearing of fee applications for all Retained Professionals. Approximately one month before the hearing, the Debtors' attorneys shall file a notice with the Court, served upon the U.S. Trustee and all Retained Professionals, that sets forth the time, date and location of the fee hearing, the date by which the fee applications must be filed, the period covered by such application and the objection deadline. Any Retained Professional unable to file its own fee application with the Court shall deliver to the Debtors' attorneys a fully executed copy with original signatures, along with service copies, three days before the filing deadline. The Debtors' attorneys shall file and serve such application.
- 1. Any Retained Professional that fails timely to file an application seeking approval of compensation and expenses previously paid under an order approving this Motion shall (i) be ineligible to receive further monthly payments of fees or reimbursement of expenses as provided herein until the filing of an application or further order of the Court and (ii) may be required to disgorge any fees paid since the later of such Retained Professional's retention or last fee application.
- m. The pendency of an application or the entry of a Court order that the prior payment of compensation or the reimbursement of expenses was improper as to a particular Monthly Statement shall not disqualify a Retained Professional from the future payment of compensation or reimbursement of expenses as set forth above, unless otherwise ordered by the Court.
- n. Neither the payment of, nor the failure to pay, in whole or in part, monthly compensation and reimbursement as provided herein shall have any effect on this Court's interim or final allowance of compensation and reimbursement of expenses of any Retained Professional.
- o. The attorney for any official committee of unsecured creditors may, in accordance with the foregoing procedure for monthly compensation and reimbursement of Retained Professionals, collect and submit for payment statements of expenses, with supporting vouchers, from members of the

committee he or she represents; provided, however, that these reimbursement requests must comply with the Fee Guidelines.

and it is further

ORDERED that each Retained Professional whose retention has been approved by the Court as of the Petition Date may seek, in its first Monthly Statement, compensation for work performed and reimbursement for expenses incurred during the period beginning on the Petition Date and ending on January 31, 2010. The first interim fee application for such Retained Professionals shall seek compensation and reimbursement of expenses for the period from the Petition Date through April 30, 2010, and shall be filed on of before June 30, 2010; and it is further

ORDERED that all Retained Professionals not retained as of the Petition Date shall file their first Monthly Statement for the period from the effective date of their retention through the end of the first full month following the effective date of their retention, and otherwise in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Motion; and it is further

ORDERED that the Debtors shall include all payments to Retained Professionals on their monthly operating reports, detailed so as to state the amount paid to each Retained Professional; and it is further

ORDERED that any party may object to requests for payments made pursuant to this Order on the grounds that the Debtors have not timely filed monthly operating reports, have not remained current with their administrative expenses and 28 U.S.C. § 1930 fees, or a manifest exigency exists by seeking a further order of this Court; otherwise, this Order shall continue and shall remain in effect during the pendency of this case; and it is further

ORDERED that no professional may file a Monthly Statement until the Court enters an

order approving the retention of such professional pursuant to section 327 or 1103 of the

Bankruptcy Code; and it is further

ORDERED that all time periods set forth in this Order shall be calculated in accordance

with Bankruptcy Rule 9006; and it is further

ORDERED that this Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters

arising from or related to the implementation and/or interpretation of this Order; and it is further

ORDERED that notice of Motion as provided therein shall be deemed good and

sufficient notice of such Motion; and it is further

ORDERED that the Court retains jurisdiction to with respect to all matters arising from

this Order.

Dated: January ___, 2010

New York, New York

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

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